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SUBJ: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

A. STATE 271832; B. STATE 271833

1. EMBASSY CONVEYED CONTENTS REFTELS TO MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
IN DEC 12 LETTER. MINISTRY OFFICIALS VISITED EMBASSY DEC 20
QUESTION USG STATISTICS.

2. REFERRING TO U.S. DEPT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF TEXTILES,
IMPLEMENTATION DIVISION PERFORMANCE STATISTICS, THAI OFFICIALS
POINTED OUT CURRENT YEAR CATEGORY 50 CONTROL LEVEL WAS 26,250
DOZEN AND IMPORTS INTO U.S. 23, 548 DOZEN THROUGH MARCH 31,
1974 OR 89.7 PERCENT LEVEL FILLED. MINISTRY STATISTICS THROUGH
THREE YEARS OF AGREEMENT LIST CONTROL LEVEL OF 82,216 DOZEN
AND EXPORTS THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1974 OF 80,676 DOZEN. PLEASE
CLARIFY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THAI FIGURES AND REFTEL.

3. IN CATEGORY 60, RTG OFFICIALS CITE U.S. DEPT OF COMMERCE
FIGURES OF CURRENT YEAR CONTROL LEVEL OF 39,900 DOZEN AND IMPORTS
OF 31,338 DOZEN THROUGH MARCH 31, 1974. OVER THREE YEAR PERIOD
RTG FIGURES HAVE CONTROL LEVEL OF 121,606 DOZEN AND EXPORTS
OF 105,944 DOZEN THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1974, OR 78.5 PERCENT LEVEL
FILLED. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION DISCREPANCY BETWEEN
THAI STATISTICS AND REFTEL.

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4. MINISTRY CONCERN PROBABLY ACCENTUATED BY U.S. CUSTOMS

NEW YORK DTENTION 622 DOZEN CATEGORY 50 SOLD BY THAI GARMENT
CO LTD TO ALEXANDER'S INC, 31 WEST 34 STREET, NYC. MINISTRY
BELIEVES THIS IMPORT SHOULD BE RELEASED AS IT IS WELL WITHIN
QUOTA ACCORDING THEIR FIGURES.

5. MINISTRY OFFICIALS INDICATE THEY PLAN APPLY FOR FLEXI-
BILITY PROVISION UNDER BOTH CATEGORIES 50 AND 60 BUT WOULD
PREFER TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT ON STATISTICS BEFORE SUBMITTING
REQUEST.
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